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Congratulations to the 2018 TechFest Raffle Prize Winner!



Brian Jones, KD4UYP

# Message from the President

Another dog show is in the record books. But not without incident! Don Stewart, KW4AL took a tumble Friday morning. In an effort to catch himself, he fractured his wrists in both arms. David KA4KKF was on the scene immediately. Don was transported to Grady where he underwent surgery. His friend Mary, KE4MFZ tells us that all went well but his activities are going to be limited for the next few weeks. Later that same day, another person fell in the building. Again, help was summoned but they refused transport to the hospital. It is good to know that we can be useful beyond our usual duties at the gate and in the parking areas!

Winter Field Day was another successful event. We made over 100 CW, 100 Voice, and almost 100 digital contacts during the event. We learned where water collects at the hangar and where NOT to set up our antennas... same spot by the way! Thanks Dave, John, Rick, and all of the participants who made it a fun event.

Working backwards in time, Neal W4HNG did a great job of filling the TechFest tables with informative groups. I enjoyed seeing N0NCQ Nick's heavy metal display. The Makers group was staffed by among others Scott Kelley, son of W4KLY. Feedback from their non-ham table was very positive as they gained a new member that day. A count of the red tickets told us that 307 folks enjoyed the event. A special thanks to Sherryl Bailey, N3MIU for coordinating the food and drinks! There is such a thing as a free lunch after all!

The nominating committee under Ray N4GYN's leadership has been hard at work preparing a slate of officers for your consideration. Remember, if the committee doesn't tap you on the shoulder, you can throw your hat in the ring at the club meeting. New officers take over at the end of the



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March meeting.

By now I am sure that everyone has heard that the Bouvet DXpedition was cancelled due to troubles with one of the engines on the ship. The ship this morning is heading slowly to Capetown, South Africa. One really has to admire the ambition and courage it takes to mount such an adventure. Our thoughts are with the DXpedition members and ship's crew as we await their safe arrival in South Africa.

I am QRU for this month, hope to see you at the Orlando Hamfest, on the radio, or at our next club meeting. We'll talk about the International Grid Chase and getting credit for the grids through LoTW at this month's meeting. Remember social hour at the 5 Spot or The Flying Machine before the meeting. Doors to the EAA hangar open at 1830 hours, meeting starts at 1900.

73, *Mike Weather, ND4V*

***"It is not the class of license the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license."***

[Author Unknown]



# GARS February Meeting and Workshop

**International Grid Chase /  
Logbook of the World  
by Mike Weathers, ND4V  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:00 pm**

**An Intro to FT8 Digital Mode  
and WSJT-X  
by Bill Eggers, WB2RIS  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 7:00 pm**

***GARS Officer Nominations are open at the February meeting, followed by Elections. See Page 4 for the list of Nominated Officers.***

**Sports Aviation Complex—Hangar 1  
690 Airport Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045  
[Directions to EAA Hangar](#)**

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<b>GARS Communications</b>	
<u>2 Meter Repeaters</u> 147.075(+) MHz Tone 82.5 147.255(+) MHz Tone 107.2	<u>6 Meter Repeater</u> 53.110 (-1 MHz) No Tone (Offline for Maintenance)
<u>1.25 Meter Repeater</u> 224.580(-) MHz Tone 100.0, 1.6 MHz Offset	<b>Other Resources:</b> <u>APRS</u> 144.390 -- 1200 Baud W4GR
<u>70 Cm Repeaters</u> 444.525(+) MHz Tone 82.5 442.100(+) MHz Tone 100 442.325(+) MHz Tone 100	<u>D-Star</u> WD4STR 145.060 + (1.4 MHz) 440.550 + (5 MHz)

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# Member QRZ Pages

For a few months we will be featuring the QRZ page of various members of GARS.

This month we are featuring the QRZ page of :

## N4TTY - Steve Garrison

When you click on the link below you will find this picture.

<http://qrz.com/lookup/N4TTY>

Read the notes and get to know him better. You'll be glad you did.

Here is an excerpt from the page:

Now the "retired President" of the Alford Memorial Radio Club in Stone Mountain, GA.

Now I will have more time to spend with those amazing mechanical wonders! Oh the smell of warm oil, and the sounds of those machines just lull me to sleep.

I'm now also enjoying conversing with the guys on the other side of the pond with my newly acquired i-Telex system. We need more folks here in the states to jump on the i-Telex bandwagon. Ask me how you can join in sometime.

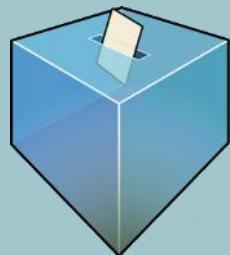
Watch for another featured GARS member QRZ page in next month's GARzette!



## News, Press Releases, & General Interest

### Nominated GARS Officers:

<b>President</b>	<b>John Davis, WB4QDX</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Sandy Jackson, KJ4DRO</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Joe Biddle, AD4PZ</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ</b>
<b>Program Manager</b>	<b>Randy Collins, N4COR</b>



Further nominations will be accepted during the GARS February meeting. Once nominations are closed, we will hold elections during the meeting.

73,

*Ray Bailey, N4GYN*  
Chair, 2018 GARS Nominating Committee





Hello!

We had a good exam session on Saturday, January 20th at the GARS TechFest. 11 out of 27 applicants passed their exams.

- Two new Technicians
- One new General (passed Technician and General)
- Five upgraded to General
- Three upgraded to Extra



Special thanks to the VE's who made this exam session possible:

Brian Jones, KD4UYP

Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ

Steve Back, WB2OGY

Bill Hawkins, WR1TR

Don Bagby, KK4NJM (Co-CVE)

Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN

Mitch Matteau, N0DIM

Larry Whited, AB4NX

Donna McCord, KM4FMW

Russell Prevost, KN4CGO

Frank Haynes, KV4SP

Ruth Willet, KM4LAO

Yolanda Pence, KM4AAQ

Andre Stein, W7ALS

Thanks & 73,

*Dave Bruse, W4DTR*



# Beginner's Corner

## Save Those Study Books

If you have just gotten your technician class amateur radio license, congratulations! If you have just passed either the general or extra exam, congratulations!

We sincerely hope that you will be able to get on the air quickly with that newly minted license.

I had the good fortune of helping a YL (young lady or as female amateur radio operators are called) to program the radio she had just recently purchased. I recommended a certain HT (handy talkie or handheld radio) to her. She bought one, went through the book and charged the battery. She and her mother came to my house and I programmed the radio for her, explaining what I was doing each step of the way. Unfortunately, she did not have her call sign yet. She had such enthusiasm that I wished that I could have a conversation with her over the radio. She lives out of town, that event will have to take place when she returns to the area.

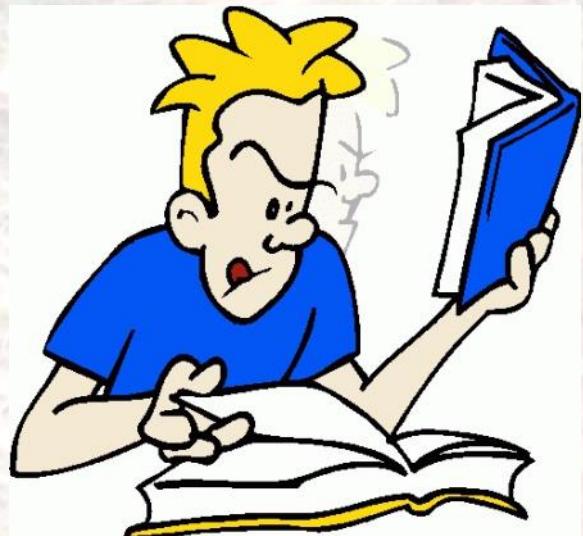
At the recent "Ham Jam" that took place in this area, the words, "An amateur radio license is a license to learn." Are still virtually ringing in my ears. I think of this enthusiastic YL and the enjoyment she will receive as she progresses in the hobby. I believe she did purchase a technician study manual in pursuit of her license. I hope she did. I believe it is not enough just to pass the test and forget about what one has had to learn in order to do pass the test.

Every day I enter a contest with a major supplier of amateur radio equipment. Each day they ask a new question to allow me to have a bonus entry for the prizes they offer. These questions come from one of the amateur radio license questions that are found in the study manuals. If you watch the program "Ham Nation" that comes on every Wednesday on twit.tv and is uploaded to YouTube, one of the hosts gives out a prize each week to a person who answers a question he has asked the previous week. Again, most of the questions come from amateur radio study manuals.

When you pass your technician license or upgrade to a higher-class license, don't discard your manuals! Why? They are good reference books. Yes, the questions change every four years, but rarely do the majority of questions change. Electronic principles don't change. Questions and answers in your manual on these subjects will likely never become obsolete. Questions about radio propagation and antennas will never change unless new things are discovered. In short most of the questions in your manual will likely never be obsolete. Laws and regulations may change; amateur radio bands may be added or deleted, but most of the information in these books will always be valid. If you were to read a license manual from the 1950s, you will likely only find electronics questions based on tubes and not transistors or integrated circuits. Tube theory may not be the hottest thing in amateur radio today, but then followers of the "Ham Nation" program and readers of QST can't miss the excitement of Bob Heil's (K9EID) "Pine Board Project". He and apparently hundreds of hams around the world are building low power tube radios and having a lot of fun getting them on the air. Even those 1950s study manuals would have principles that would be helpful today in building one of these Pine Board radios.

The point is, your study manuals contain valuable information that you might need to refer to at some time. They are always worth reading and reading. You might find the answer to a question you have had in the back of your head since you were first licensed. "A ham radio license is a license to learn."

73 de *David Harden, KJ4CMY*



# Net Managers Corner

## Monday Night 2 Meter “Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net”

### **GARS NEEDS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS NET CONTROL STATIONS!**

**GARS is a great Amateur Radio service club** and we have the membership and awards to prove it. Our club is a very busy and active club and we use the Monday night net to get the information out to our members. Weekly participation is needed to make our net function well. There is only a small group of very dedicated people that make the net happen each week, and we need more members to volunteer to serve as Net Control Stations (NCS) on a rotating basis.

Out of almost 300 members, there are only fifteen primary people who serve as NCS for the GARS net every Monday night. In no particular order, they are:

Norm - WA4ZXV	Kyle - W4KDA	Mitch - N0DIM
Ruth - KM4LAO	Hal - W4IGE	Don - KW4AL
Ray - N4GYN	Sandy - KJ4DRO	John - WB4QDX
Bill - KK4AUA	David - KK4KAF	Kevin - KK4WOG
Chuck - KK4TKJ	Mike - KK4KHS	Donna - KM4FMW

As GARS Net Manager (Chuck KK4TKJ), I really need 26 people to fill NCS positions. I do plan and post the schedule months in advance. Any conditions will be accommodated that you as a rotating NCS need to place on the scheduling of your duties. If your plans change, I can make adjustments for the schedule to work, and I will make those changes happen as soon as I am notified of a problem. As Net Manager, I also send out reminders each week to let the NCS scheduled know he or she is NCS for the next Monday night net. In short, serving as a rotating NCS is a small duty but a great contribution to the club.

The “Want, Swap, Sell Information Net” begins promptly at 19:30 every Monday night and runs about 45 minutes. As a scheduled NCS, you will request the assistance of a volunteer alternate NCS each time you have Net Control. Your simple duties will be to tune in to the GARS repeater, read the script, take a few notes and forward the information to me for record keeping.

Please lend a hand and contact me at [KK4TKJ@arrl.net](mailto:KK4TKJ@arrl.net). Sign up to help support the effort that makes GARS the great club that it is.

73 and see you on the Nets!

*Chuck McCord, KK4TKJ*

GARS Net Manager

# GARS Membership Page

## New GARS Members in January

**Jeffrey Bianchi (KN4ICU)  
Charles Johnston (KN4JCN)  
Richard Morgan (AJ4NI)**

## New Members: 3

**Total Members as of February 1, 2018  
289**

**Join GARS members for our  
weekly breakfast gathering at  
7:30 AM most Saturdays**

**at**

**Golden Corral  
2155 Riverside Parkway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043**

**[\(Directions\)](#)**

**The following members are  
celebrating birthdays  
in February:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!  
From All of Us at GARS**

**Marvin Atherton (KG4FHB)  
Lauren Atkin  
Don Bagby (KK4NJM)  
Antoinette Bigham (KK4WOB)  
Michael Curtis (KK4WWB)  
Manuel Dominguez (N5JMD)  
Sandy Jackson (KJ4DRO)  
Suzy Jones (KK4MWC)  
William Kelly (W4WNK)  
James Knight (KK4JJB)  
Bruce Lindsey (K0GNB)  
Philip McCleary (N4LNE)  
Carlton McPherson (WA4ZUW)  
Robby Nelson (KK0BSA)  
George Sensibar (W9RR)  
Donald Silva (NX1Q)  
Hadassah Silva (KK4TGR)  
Arthur Stone (KT4LS)  
Michael Swiderski (K4HBI)  
Emily Wagner (KN4GZJ)  
Sharon Willet (KM4TVU)**

## GARS MEMBERSHIP

Your current GARS membership status is shown in the monthly newsletter e-mail  
towards the bottom of the message.

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership, please visit our website—<http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new e-mail address, new phone number, etc.),  
please e-mail the Membership Committee - [membership@gars.org](mailto:membership@gars.org)

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free  
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

Membership Chair: Karen Albritton, KI4HPP  
Committee Members: Dave Bruse, W4DTR, Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ

## Editor's Corner

During the weekend of Winter Field Day (WFD), I drove out to the coast of North Carolina to participate. The reason I drove that far was also to make contacts for the International Grid Chase from grid FM13. This grid is near Wilmington and is mostly over water, but a small part of the upper left hand corner covers most of Bald Head Island and parts of Pleasure Island and Southport. One motivation for going out there is that no confirmations had been recorded for that grid in the International Grid Chase web page (see <https://igc.arrl.org/grid-totals.php>). I operated from my vehicle, as I did for my NPOTA activations.



I had the usual technical challenges I encounter when working out of a vehicle. The biggest problem was I brought the wrong power cable to plug into my laptop power adapter. See the picture to the right; the cable on the left is what I needed, the cable on the right is what I had. I ended up wasting 2 hours to find a Staples and buy a universal laptop power adapter, just to get the power cable I was looking for. That's a lesson learned I won't forget anytime soon. (Dell offers a laptop power cable that plugs directly into a 12V power source; that might be worth getting...)



ARRGH!!!

Fortunately my FT-857 and Tarheel antenna worked well, along with the laptop. To speed up tuning the Tarheel, I purchased a two position antenna switch and a couple of short coax cables, so I could easily use my SWR analyzer. It's a lower cost alternative to getting some kind of automatic tuner. When I QSY, I put the switch on "A" and set my SWR analyzer to the frequency my rig is on (when I hear the squeal on my rig, I'm there). Then I raise or lower the Tarheel until the SWR is as close to 1:1 as possible. Then I switch to "B" and start operating. Needless to say, this process does not work well at highway speeds; I usually do not operate HF when I'm driving.

I wasn't making much progress with WFD contacts. I eventually abandoned that pursuit and concentrated on making FT8 contacts using WSJT-X. Unfortunately the WFD rules do not allow FT8 contacts. One benefit of FT8 is that your grid can be included in your CQ message. Another advantage is that most of the QSO is automated, so if you are fatigued, as I was for some time, the computer does most of the work for you. Even while the QSO is proceeding, you can go and do other things, like surf the web or check email.

I was able to keep a fairly steady clip of FT8 QSO's, averaging about 15 to 20 per hour. Sometimes I had 3 stations trying to call me at the same time. The software handled that situation perfectly, answering whichever contact was decoded first. My operating time was less than what I had hoped for; I ended up making only 125 QSO's during my trip. I do plan on going back later in the year. I will spend more time out there, to see some more sites, and to get more operating time.

By the way, on February 20 I will be giving a presentation at the GARS Workshop on FT8. I will share some of what I learned during this trip. I hope to see you there!

73, *Bill*, WB2RIS  
GARzette Editor

Grid FM13 image source: <http://www.spinmap.com/npota-sota/map.html>

## GARS Officers and Committee Chairs

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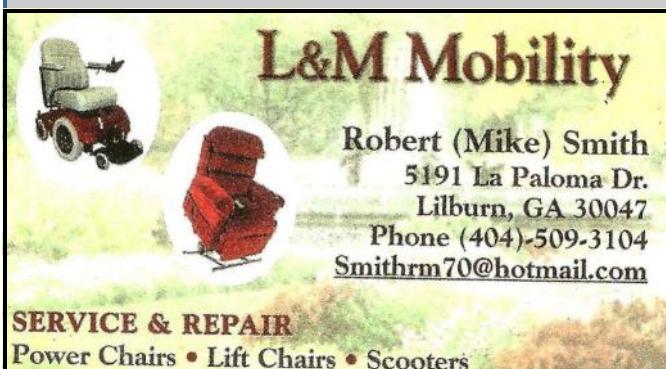
Kyle Albritton	W4KDA	
David Adcock	KA4KKF	
Norm Schklar	WA4ZXV	

## EXTRA! EXTRA!

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

### Repeater Status

6M currently down  
147.075 Operational in Snellville  
147.255 Operational in Snellville  
224.580 Operational in Grayson  
442.100 Operational at Goshen Springs  
442.325 Operational in Buford  
444.525 Operational in Snellville  
  
Link remote receivers being added



**L&M Mobility**  
Robert (Mike) Smith  
5191 La Paloma Dr.  
Lilburn, GA 30047  
Phone (404)-509-3104  
[Smithrm70@hotmail.com](mailto:Smithrm70@hotmail.com)

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Visit GARS on Facebook:  
<http://gars.org/facebook>



Join GARS on YouTube:  
<http://gars.org/youtube>



Follow GARS on Twitter:  
<http://gars.org/twitter>

Unfortunately, the minutes for the January GARS meeting are unavailable at the time of publication. We will publish them in the March edition of the GARzette.

73, *Bill* WB2RIS

GARzette Editor

## ARRL CONTESTING INFO

### From ARRL Contest Calendar

> For more information click the links <

#### February 2018

12-16 [School Club Roundup](#)  
17-18 [International DX – CW](#)

#### March 2018

3-4 [International DX– Phone](#)

#### April 2018

15 [Rookie Roundup – Phone](#)

#### June 2018

9-11 [June VHF](#)  
16 [Kid's Day](#)  
23-24 [Field Day](#)

#### July 2018

9-11 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

#### August 2018

4-5 [222 MHz & Up Distance Contest](#)  
18-19 [10 GHz and Up – Round 1](#)  
19 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

#### September 2018

8-10 [September VHF](#)  
15-16 [10 GHz & Up—Round 2](#)  
29-30 [EME - 2.3 GHz And Up](#)

#### October 2018

15-19 [School Club Roundup](#)  
27-28 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

#### November 2018

24-25 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)  
3-5 [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)  
17-19 [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)  
30 [160 Meter \(Day 1\)](#)

#### December 2018

1-2 [160 Meter \(Days 2 and 3\)](#)  
8-9 [10 Meter](#)  
16 [Rookie Roundup-CW](#)

### For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### 02/09/2018 | [Florida State Convention \(Orlando HamCation\)](#)

**Location:** Orlando, FL  
**Type:** ARRL Convention  
**Sponsor:** Orlando Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.hamcation.com>

### 02/24/2018 | [Dalton Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Dalton, GA  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Dalton Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://w4drc.com/hamfest/>

### 03/02/2018 | [Alabama State Convention \(BirmingHAMfest 2018\)](#)

**Location:** Irondale, AL  
**Type:** ARRL Convention  
**Sponsor:** Birmingham Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.w4cue.com>

### 04/28/2018 | [Savannah Hamfest & Swapmeet](#)

**Location:** Savannah, GA  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Coastal Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** [http://coastalamateurradiosociety.net/wpW4LHSblog/?page\\_id=731](http://coastalamateurradiosociety.net/wpW4LHSblog/?page_id=731)

### 08/18/2018 | [Southeastern Division Convention \(Huntsville Hamfest\)](#)

**Location:** Huntsville, AL  
**Type:** ARRL Convention  
**Sponsor:** Huntsville Hamfest Association  
**Website:** <http://www.hamfest.org>

### For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

Note: When searching by division, remember some states adjacent to GA are in different divisions:

Southeastern: GA, AL, FL Delta: TN Roanoke: NC, SC

## GARS Events Calendar for 2018

Dog Show Fundraisers	February 1-4, August
Tech HamCrams	March, October
TechFest ( <a href="http://www.techfest.info">www.techfest.info</a> )	January 20
Winter Field Day	January 27 & 28
Georgia QSO Party	April 14 & 15
North metro area Fox Hunt	April
May Madness	May (100% Accurate!)
Memorial Day Parade	May 28
ARC/KARC Hamfest	June 2
Field Day	June 23 & 24
General HamCram	July
JOTA	October
Maker Faire	October
Stone Mt. Hamfest	November
Christmas Party	December

### March GARS Speaker

TBD

Check [www.GARS.org](http://www.GARS.org) for updates

## GARS Recurring Calendar

- ◆ 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (except December): Monthly club meeting
- ◆ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (except December): Monthly Training Workshop
- ◆ 2nd Sunday of the Month at 2 pm: GARS Ham Exam Session  
Fire Station #24  
2735 Mall of Georgia Blvd  
Buford, GA 30519
- ◆ Every Monday at 7:30 pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ◆ Every Monday at 8:30 pm: ARES Training on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ◆ Most Saturdays at 7:30 am: GARS Weekly Breakfast  
Golden Corral Restaurant  
2155 Riverside Parkway,  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

## GARS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	1  Dog Show Day 1, 2 shifts 6-10am, 10-2pm	2  Dog Show Day 2, 2 shifts 6-10am, 10-2pm	3  Breakfast  Dog Show Day 3, 2 shifts 6-10am, 10-2pm
4  Winter Field Day Day 2 Ends 2 PM  Dog Show Day 4, 2 shifts 6-10am, 10-2pm	5  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	6	7	8	9	10  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
11  GARS VE Team Testing Session Starts at 2:00 pm Gwinnett Co. Fire Station #24	12  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	13  5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner  7:00 - 9:00 pm GARS Meeting	14	15	16	17  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
18	19  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	20  5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner  7:00 - 9:00 pm Training Workshop	21	22	23	24  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
25	26  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	27	28	March 1	March 2	March 3  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive

## Metro Testing Sessions

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at <http://www.arrl-ga.org>.

### First Sunday, ODD Months

2 pm (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov)  
VEC: WCARS  
Braselton Public Utility Building  
4986 Highway 53, Braselton, GA  
Roger Gibson, WB4T  
(770) 271-4210 or (770) 712-9560  
[w4rlg@bellsouth.net](mailto:w4rlg@bellsouth.net)

### First Sunday, EVEN Months

2 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)  
VEC: WCARS  
Hall County EOC  
470 Crescent Dr. Gainesville, Ga.  
Perry Roper, KO4RD  
(770) 536-3056

### Second Saturday

10:00 AM  
Alpharetta North Park, Adult Activities Center  
13450 Cogburn Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004  
Ian Kahn, KM4IK  
E-mail: [km4ik.ian@gmail.com](mailto:km4ik.ian@gmail.com)

### Second Saturday, ODD Months

VEC: ARRL  
8:30 a.m.  
GMC Community Ctr  
5325 Leon St.  
Stone Mountain, GA  
Frank Haynes, KV4SP  
(678) 467-3712

### Second Sunday

VEC: W5YI  
2 pm  
Fire Station #24  
Mall of Georgia Boulevard  
Buford, GA 30519  
Contact: Dave Bruse, W4DTR  
E-mail: [exams@gars.org](mailto:exams@gars.org)

### Third Saturday

VEC: W5YI  
2 pm @ Barrow Co. Emerg. Serv. Bldg  
66 McElroy Street  
Winder, GA 30680  
Steve Donellan, N5SMD  
(404) 520-0368  
E-mail: [n5smd@comcast.net](mailto:n5smd@comcast.net)

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## Ham Exam Results

### January Results

We had a very successful test session Sunday Jan 14, 2018. There were four new Technician and three upgrades to General.

Thanks to the following VE's who made the session possible:

Sid Weaver, N4NQ, Co-CVE  
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GARS VE Website:  
<https://groups.io/g/GARS-VE-Team>

### Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC  
7 pm @ United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770) 942-6466

### Fourth Sunday

2:30 pm Georgia Tech  
VanLeer Elec. Building  
Rm. W218, 777 Atlantic Dr.  
For more information go to  
[www.w4aql.com](http://www.w4aql.com) and click on "Test Sessions"

## Metro Club Meetings

### First Tuesday

Kennehoochee ARC  
Downtown Marietta  
Fire Station #1, Training Room  
112 Haynes Street  
Marietta, Georgia 30060  
Meeting begins at 7:00pm  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club  
Georgia Red Cross HQ  
1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta  
Meeting is at 7:30pm  
Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC  
Commerce Public Library  
1344 South Broad Street, Commerce  
Meeting is at 6:30pm  
Talk In - 147.225(+), PL 123.0

### Second Monday

Georgia Tech ARC  
Room W218  
Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg.  
Georgia Tech Campus  
Meeting at 7:00pm

### Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club  
Annistown Road Baptist Church  
Annistown Rd & Spain Rd  
Stone Mountain  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### Second Saturday

North GA QRP Club  
Board Room of The Shepherd Center  
2020 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta  
at 10:00 AM

### Third Tuesday

North Fulton Amateur Radio League  
Alpharetta Recreation & Parks Dept  
Alpharetta Adult Activity Center  
13450 Cogburn Road  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
meeting at 7:30pm  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

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